THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report states among other things that although the Dowry Prohibiton Act provides for extra-police intervention in handling dowry cases, the police and others concerned with these cases seem to know little about it.

(c) The reasons are as follows:—

(i) witnesses are not forthcoming easily.

(ii) in most of the cases no documentary evidence is available; usually the statements made by the girls' relatives are taken into account.

(iii) communication gap between the voluntary groups and the police

(iv) tardy response from State governments in setting up of Advisory Boards and appointing Dowry Prohibition Officers.

Summer specials by Southern Railway

1885. SHRI T. B. BALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of summer specials run by southern railway last year;

(b) what were their destinations;

(c) what is the number of summer specials railways plan to run this year along with their destinations;

(d) what are the specific reasons for not running summer specials between Trivandrum and New Delhi; and

(e) whether any representation either official or non official was received by Government to this effect; if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) 48 pairs.

(b) Trivandrum to Madras, Bangalore and Nizamuddin and Madras to Calicut and Cochin.

(c) 57 parts are proposed to run on the following routes:—

(i) Bangalore—Horwah .	17
(ii) Cochin—Bangalore .	8
(iii) Calicut—Madras .	8
(iv) Cochin —Madras .	8
(v) Trivandrum—Madras .	8
(vi) Tirunelveli—Madras .	8

(d) Increase in frequency of Kerala Express from Oct '87 and restoration of Himsagar Express from April '88.

(e) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received regarding *inter alia* for running of atleast weekly holiday specials between New Delhi and Trivandrum/Mangalore.

Use of Agati airport in Lakshadweep

1886. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply to the answer to Unstarred Question 978 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 1988 and state what has been the use of and income from the Agati Island airport since January 15 last?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): Construction of Agatti airport has recently been completed. Vayudoot has

started regular scheduled services twice a week through Agatti with effect from 24.4.1988 by Dornier-228 aircraft. The flight has made a good beginning and started carrying a load factor of 68%. With a planned frequency of two Dornier flights per week by Vayudoot, revenue of Rs. 6,379/- per annum is anticipated at present level of charges levied to Vayudoot.

Promotion of PGTs in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

187. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Post Graduate Teachers of different subjects promoted by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan during the current academic session, 1987-88;

(b) whether promotion of PGTs in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is seniority-cum-merit based;

(c) if so, what are the indices which determine merit; and

(d) what are the names of those who have been promoted during the current academic session over their juniors on the basis of merit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) 98 Post Graduate Teachers were offered promotion as Vice-Principals during the academic session 1987-88. Out of the these 55 PGTs have joined. The details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Merit list for promotion of PGTs to the post of Vice-Principals is prepared according to the grading made by the departmental promotion Committee on the basis of assessment given in Confidential Reports of officials.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sr.No.	Name of PGT Promoted	Subject
1.	Shri B.B. Vaid	Economics
2.	Shri S.P. Singh	English
3.	Shri L.C. Sharma	Geography
4.	Shri K.B. Lal	Biology
5.	Shri R.K. Sharma	History
6.	Shri R.D. Saha	History
7.	Shri I.U. Patel	Hindi
8.	Shri D.N. Chaturvedi	Geography
9.	Shri P.V. Sharma	Sanskrit
10.	Shri S. Tiwari	History
11.	Km. P. Padma	Geography
12.	Shri R.S. Bharaj	Physics
13.	Shri B.R. Tripathi	Sanskrit
14.	Shri T.R. Sharma	Chemistry
15.	Shri C.K. Tripathi	Maths.